

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's argument with respect to claim 14 has been fully considered and is persuasive.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Samuel S. Lee (Reg. No. 42,791) on 08 December 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

For claim 1: add "receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub network from said hub network; and obtaining a new license from a licensing authority indicated by the sub-copy version."

Delete claim 14.

For claim 16: add prior to line 2, "receiving, at a client, a sub-copy version of content from a device that is a member of first hub network;"

At line 2, replace "a client" with "said client".

At line 6, replace "a hub network" with "a second hub network".

At line 7, replace "a sub-copy" with "said sub-copy".

At line 8, replace "said hub network" with "said second hub network".

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At line 10, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

For claim 30: add prior to line 2, "receiving, at a client, a sub-copy version of content from a device that is a member of first hub network;"

At line 2, replace “a client” with “said client”.

At line 8, replace “a hub network” with “a second hub network”.

At line 9, replace “a sub-copy” with “said sub-copy”.

At line 12, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

At line 13, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

For claim 31: add prior to line 2, "receiving, at a client, a sub-copy version of content from a device that is a member of first hub network;"

At line 2, replace “a client” with “said client”.

At line 6, replace “a hub network” with “a second hub network”.

At line 7, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

At line 7, replace “a sub-copy” with “said sub-copy”.

At line 10, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

At line 11, replace “said hub network” with “said second hub network”.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-13, 16-27, 30 and 31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

This communication warrants No Examiner's Reason for Allowance, applicant's reply (10/05/2010) makes evident the reasons for allowance, satisfying the “record as a whole” proviso

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of the rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). Specifically, applicant's arguments filed on 05 October 2010 with respect to claim 14 are persuasive, as such the reasons for allowance are in all probability evident from the record and no statement is deemed necessary (see MPEP 1302.14).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BENJAMIN E. LANIER whose telephone number is (571)272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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